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Alyson Dill, EIC 2100 Team Leader 272-3527, RND 4B28

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An Algorithmic Framework for the Exact Solution of the Prize-Collecting Steiner Tree Problem

Ljubic, Ivana; Weiskircher, Rene; Pferschy, Ulrich; Klau, Gunnar W; Mutzel, Petra; Fischetti, Matteo Mathematical Programming v105n2-3 pp: 427

ISSN: 0025-5610 Journal Code: MTHP

Abstract:

...implementation of a branch-and-cut algorithm based on a directed graph model where we combine several state-of-the-art methods previously used for the Steiner tree problem. Our method outperforms the previously published results on the standard benchmark set of problems...

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Approximations and Lower Bounds for the Length of Minimal Euclidean Steiner Trees

Rubinstein, J H; Weng, J; Wormald, N

Journal of Global Optimization v35n4 pp: 573-592

Aug 2006

ISSN: 0925-5001 Journal Code: GLPT

Abstract:

We give a new lower bound on the length of the minimal Steiner tree with a given topology joining given terminals in Euclidean space, in terms of toroidal images. The lower bound is equal to the length when the topology is full. We use the lower bound to prove bounds on the "error" e in the length of an approximate Steiner tree, in terms of the maximum deviation d of an interior angle of the tree from...

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STEINER TREE PROBLEMS WITH PROFITS

Costa, Alysson M; Cordeau, Jean-Francois; Laporte, Gilbert

INFOR v44n2 pp: 99-108, 112-115

May 2006

ISSN: 0315-5986 Journal Code: IOR

Word Count: 8076

Text:

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Engevall, S., Gothe-Lundgren, M., and Varbrand, P. (1998). A stronger lower

bound for the node weighted Steiner tree problem,

Networks 31: 11-17.

Feigenbaum, J., Papadimitriou, C. H., and Shenker, S. (2001). Sharing... ...I., Moser, A., Mutzel, P., Neuner, P., Pferschy, U., Raidl, G., and

Weiskircher, R. (2004). Combining a memetic algorithm with integer

programming to solve the prize-collecting Steiner tree problem, Springer Lecture Notes in Computer Science 3102: 1304-1315.

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The implications of Robert L. Steiner s work for merger analysis

Nelson, Philip; Hurdle, Gloria; Su, Tessie

Antitrust Bulletin v49n4 pp: 1013-1042

Winter 2004

ISSN: 0003-603X Journal Code: ANB

Word Count: 10103

Text:

...open question as to how frequently this type of Type III scenario will occur. As **Steiner points** out, a **merger** is unlikely to lead to significant changes in advertising and promotional efforts in "mature, heavily...

...and provide insights into the businessmen's understanding of about market elasticities) 65

market elasticities).65
In sum, Steiner points out the crucial problem of using retail pricing data to assess mergers between manufacturers of consumer goods. While this problem is recognized by some economists and antitrust...

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Steiner s two-stage vision: implications for antitrust analysis

Comanor, William S

Antitrust Bulletin v49n4 pp: 999-1012 Winter 2004 ISSN: 0003-603X Journal Code: ANB

Word Count: 4345

Text:

...The relevant issue again is whether distribution margins would remain unchanged in the new circumstances.

Steiner points to the situation of a merger between two branded but minimally advertised product manufacturers, and suggests that this type of merger might not lead to higher prices. If a newly combined firm sought to raise prices...

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Packing Steiner trees with identical terminal sets

Kaski, Petteri

Information Processing Letters v91n1 pp: 1-5

Jul 16, 2004

ISSN: 0020-0190 Journal Code: IPL

Packing Steiner trees with identical terminal sets

Abstract:

This paper investigates the variant of the Steiner tree packing problem in which all the terminal sets are identical.

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Heuristic algorithms for packing of multiple-group multicasting

Wang, Chu-Fu; Liang, Chun-Teng; Jan, Rong-Hong Computers & Operations Research v29n7 pp: 905-924

Jun 2002

ISSN: 0305-0548 Journal Code: CRO

Abstract:

...sessions under a capacity limited constraint is considered. This problem is formulated as a tree packing problem. Two heuristic algorithms, Steiner-tree-based heuristic (STH) algorithm and cut-set-based heuristic (CSH) algorithm, are presented for solving...

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A branch-and-price algorithm for the Steiner tree packing problem

Jeong, Gue-woong; Lee, Kyungsik; Park, Sungsoo; Park, Kyungchul Computers & Operations Research v29n3 pp: 221-241

Mar 2002

ISSN: 0305-0548 Journal Code: CRO

A branch-and-price algorithm for the Steiner tree packing problem

Abstract:

This paper deals with the **Steiner tree packing** problem. For a given undirected graph G=(V,E) with positive integer capacities and non...

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Approximating the tree and tour covers of a graph Arkin, Esther M, Halldorsson, Magnus M, Hassin, Refael Information Processing Letters v47n6 pp. 275-282

Oct 18, 1993

ISSN: 0020-0190 Journal Code: IPL

Abstract:

...algorithms are provided for both problems. An interesting feature of the algorithms is how they combine approximations of other problems, namely the weighted vertex cover, traveling salesman, and Steiner tree problems.

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Lower Bounds for Rectilinear Steiner Trees in Bounded Space

Snyder, Timothy Law

Information Processing Letters v37n2 pp: 71-74

Jan 31, 1991

ISSN: 0020-0190 Journal Code: IPL

Abstract:

...Hanan Theorem to keep Steiner points out of the picture when constructing a minimal rectilinear **Steiner tree**. It is noted that the dimension d does not appear in the present **bound** and that perhaps the methods of Smith (1988) could improve the present bounds by involving...

9/3,K/11 (Item 11 from file: 15) Links

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Directed Steiner Tree Problem on a Graph: Models, Relaxations, and Algorithms

Dror, Moshe; Gavish, Bezalel; Choquette, Jean

INFOR v28n3 pp: 266-281

Aug 1990

ISSN: 0315-5986 Journal Code: IOR

Abstract:

...the problem. Computational tests on 18 problems used by Beasley (1984, 1987) for testing undirected **Steiner tree** problems show that one of the algorithms generates lower **bound** values that are close to the optimal solutions. The nonfeasible solutions generated by the Lagrangean...

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00433561 89-05348

Worst-Case Performance of Rayward-Smith's Steiner Tree Heuristic

Waxman, Bernard M.; Imase, Makoto

Information Processing Letters v29n6 pp: 283-287

Dec 8, 1988

ISSN: 0020-0190 Journal Code: IPL

Abstract:

...the minimum distance tree heuristic. An analysis proves that the worst-case performance of the Steiner tree approximation algorithm by RS is within 2 times optimal and that 2 is the best bound in the sense that there are instances for which RS will do worse than any ...

9/3,K/13 (Item 1 from file: 275) Links

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A branch-and-price algorithm for the Steiner tree packing problem.(Statistical Data Included)

Jeong, Gue-woong; Lee, Kyungsik; Park, Sungsoo; Park, Kyungchul

Computers & Operations Research, 29, 3, 221(21)

March, 2002

Document Type: Statistical Data Included

ISSN: 0305-0548

Language: English Record Type: Abstract

A branch-and-price algorithm for the Steiner tree packing problem (Statistical Data Included)

Abstract: A branch-and-price algorithm is developed for the Steiner tree packing problem. The results show the

algorithm can compete with the cutting plane algorithm for sizing...

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Properties of a generalized source-to-all-terminal network reliability model with diameter constraints *.

Cancela, Hector; Petingi, Louis

Omega, 35, 6, 659(12)

Dec , 2007

ISSN: 0305-0483 Language: English

Record Type: Fulltext; Abstract

Word Count: 9256 Line Count: 00680

...each arc is assigned a weight corresponding to the delay to be experienced by a packet traveling along this arc.

Extensive research has been done in this area (see (5-11)) in order

to construct Steiner trees containing the source s and the

destination nodes (i.e. terminal nodes), in such a way that a packet

traveling from the source to a terminal node meets the delay constraints.

Other related reliability...

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Science: An angle on how to join up the dots

WATSON, ANDREW; MELBOURNE

New Scientist, vol. 143, no. 1932, p. Page 15

July 2, 1994

Language: English Record Type: Fulltext Doc. Type: Journal Word Count: 987 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULLTEXT)

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...connect them with the shortest possible path, making use where necessary of additional points called Steiner vertices. For example,

the shortest path joining all the vertices of the triangle shown in the Figure, meet at a new point...

...NP-hard.

The Steiner problem becomes 'easy' if the pattern showing which points will be joined to which is known, together with the rough position of the Steiner vertices. This is the same as knowing in advance the overall layout of the pieces in... ...and Applied Mathematics Journal of Discrete Mathematics, relies on the fact that the three lines joining at an introduced Steiner point always meet at 120 degrees. The researchers begin by classifying the few ways a Steiner...

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...the dissection in his classic, Introduction to Geometry.) (2) I found a minimal network of Steiner trees that join all the corners of a chessboard. (3) I constructed a bicolor proof that every serial...

9/3,K/17 (Item 2 from file: 484) Links Periodical Abs Plustext (c) 2007 ProQuest. All rights reserved. 04848430 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULLTEXT) Voices in the junior high school classroom: Lost and found Hamblin, Lynda English Journal (GENJ), v90 n1, p 80-87 Sep 2000 ISSN: 0013-8274 Journal Code: GENJ

Document Type: Feature

Language: English

Record Type: Fulltext; Abstract

Word Count: 5205

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...below" (107). These, too, become a part of the voice of her poems. As John-Steiner points out "Remembering such carefully observed details, writers choose a starting point for their intricate task of weaving together resonant language with the themes of their intellectual and emotional concerns" (127).

Again, it is...